

# 3.1 Transcriptomic-isoforms

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# **Working directory**

How are our folders structured

▼■ 3.1\_Transcriptomics b basecall mapping outputs ▶ ■ SUPPA2 ▼ ■ 3.2\_Epitranscriptomics ▶ ■ basecall outputs ▼ ■ Arabidopsis\_references ▶ ■ genome ▶ ■ transcriptome ▼ ■ ont\_raw\_data sample\_20reads.pod5 salmon\_script\_ONT.sh ▼ ■ tools ▶ minimap2-2.30\_x64-linux ▶ ■ SUPPA-2.4

# A little bit about the samples

(BARCODES)

1-3 Nuclear Fraction
Light treatment

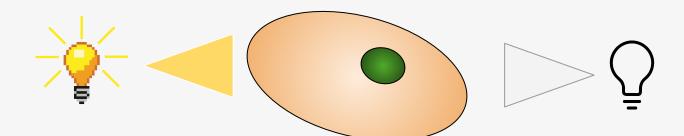
4 - 6 Nuclear Fraction

Dark treatment

7 - 9 Citoplasm
Light treatment

10 - 12 Citoplasm

Dark treatment



## Dorado Basecaller



```
(rna_workshop) lucas-elytron@Lucas-Elytron: $ dorado -h
[2025-07-14 17:04:30.588] [info] Running: "-h"
Usage: dorado [options] subcommand
Positional arguments:
aligner
basecaller
correct
demux
download
duplex
polish
summary
trim
Optional arguments:
-h --help
                        shows help message and exits
-v --version
                        prints version information and exits
```

## Dorado Basecaller



```
:-$ dorado basecaller -h
[2025-07-14 17:06:39.960] [info] Running: "basecaller" "-h"
        dorado [--help] [--verbose]... [--device VAR] [--models-directory VAR] [--bed-file VAR] [--recursive] [--read-ids VAR] [--max-reads VAR] [--resume-from VAR] [--min-qscore VAR] [--min-q
moves] [--emit-fastq] [--emit-sam] [--output-dir VAR] [--reference VAR] [--mm2-opts VAR] [--modified-bases VAR...] [--modified-bases-models VAR] [--modified-bases-threshold VAR] [--modified
 bases-batchsize VAR] [--kit-name VAR] [--sample-sheet VAR] [--barcode-both-ends] [--barcode-arrangement VAR] [--barcode-sequences VAR] [--primer-sequences VAR] [--no-trim] [--trim VAR] [--e
stimate-poly-a] [--poly-a-config VAR] [--batchsize VAR] [--chunksize VAR] [--overlap VAR] model data
Positional arguments:
 model
                                            Model selection {fast,hac,sup}av{version} for automatic model selection including modbases, or path to existing model directory.
                                            The data directory or file (POD5/FAST5 format).
Optional arguments:
                                             shows help message and exits
                                            [may be repeated]
                                             Specify CPU or GPU device: 'auto', 'cpu', 'cuda:all' or 'cuda:<device_id>[,<device_id>...]'. Specifying 'auto' will choose either 'cpu', 'metal' or 'cuda:all' d
 pending on the presence of a GPU device. [nargs=0..1] [default: "auto"]
                                            Optional directory to search for existing models or download new models into. [nargs=0..1] [default: "."]
  --models-directory
                                            Optional bed-file. If specified, overlaps between the alignments and bed-file entries will be counted, and recorded in BAM output using the 'bh' read tag. [narg
Input data arguments (detailed usage):
                                            Recursively scan through directories to load FAST5 and POD5 files.
                                            Limit the number of reads to be basecalled. [nargs=0..1] [default: 0]
  -n. --max-reads
                                            Resume basecalling from the given HTS file. Fully written read records are not processed again. [nargs=0..1] [default: ""]
Output arguments (detailed usage):
  --min-ascore
                                            Discard reads with mean Q-score below this threshold. [nargs=0..1] [default: 0]
                                            Output in fastq format.
                                            Output in SAM format.
                                            Optional output folder, if specified output will be written to a calls file (calls <timestamp>.sam|.bam|.fastq) in the given folder.
  -o, --output-dir
Alignment arguments (detailed usage):
                                            Path to reference for alignment. [nargs=0..1] [default: ""]
                                            Optional minimap2 options string. For multiple arguments surround with double quotes.
Modified model arguments (detailed usage):
                                           A space separated list of modified base codes. Choose from: pseU, m6A_DRACH, m6A, 6mA, m5C, 5mC, 5mCG_5hmCG, 5mCG, 5mC, 5mCG, 5mC, inosine_m6A, 4mC_5mC. [nargs: 1 or
  --modified-bases-models A comma separated list of modified base model paths. [nargs=0..1] [default: ""]
  --modified-bases-threshold The minimum predicted methylation probability for a modified base to be emitted in an all-context model. [0, 1].
   --modified-bases-batchsize The modified base models batch size.
Barcoding arguments (detailed usage):
                                            Enable barcoding with the provided kit name. Choose from: EXP-NBD103 EXP-NBD104 EXP-NBD114 EXP-NBD114-24 EXP-NBD196 EXP-PBC001 EXP-PBC096 SQK-16S024 SQK-16S114-
24 SQK-LWB001 SQK-MAB114-24 SQK-MLK111-96-XL SQK-MLK114-96-XL SQK-NBD111-24 SQK-NBD111-96 SQK-NBD114-24 SQK-NBD114-96 SQK-PBH004 SQK-PCB109 SQK-PCB110 SQK-PCB111-24 SQK-PCB114-24 SQK-RAB201
SQK-RAB204 SQK-RBK001 SQK-RBK004 SQK-RBK110-96 SQK-RBK111-24 SQK-RBK111-96 SQK-RBK114-24 SQK-RBK114-96 SQK-RLB001 SQK-RPB004 SQK-RPB114-24 TWIST-16-UDI TWIST-96A-UDI VSK-PTC001 VSK-VMK001 VS
 -VMK004 VSK-VPS001. [nargs=0..1] [default: ""]
   --sample-sheet
                                            Path to the sample sheet to use. [nargs=0..1] [default: ""]
```

# Mapping the reads - Minimap2

```
Getting Started
  git clone https://github.com/lh3/minimap2
  cd minimap2 && make
  # long sequences against a reference genome
  ./minimap2 -a test/MT-human.fa test/MT-orang.fa > test.sam
  # create an index first and then map
  ./minimap2 -x map-ont -d MT-human-ont.mmi test/MT-human.fa
  ./minimap2 -a MT-human-ont.mmi test/MT-orang.fa > test.sam
  # use presets (no test data)
  ./minimap2 -ax map-pb ref.fa pacbio.fq.gz > aln.sam
                                                            # PacBio CLR genomic reads
  ./minimap2 -ax map-ont ref.fa ont.fq.qz > aln.sam
                                                            # Oxford Nanopore genomic reads
  ./minimap2 -ax map-hifi ref.fa pacbio-ccs.fq.gz > aln.sam # PacBio HiFi/CCS genomic reads (v2.:
                                                            # Nanopore Q20 genomic reads (v2.27+
  ./minimap2 -ax lr:hq ref.fa ont-020.fq.qz > aln.sam
  ./minimap2 -ax sr ref.fa read1.fa read2.fa > aln.sam
                                                            # short genomic paired-end reads
  ./minimap2 -ax splice ref.fa rna-reads.fa > aln.sam
                                                            # spliced long reads (strand unknown)
  ./minimap2 -ax splice -uf -k14 ref.fa reads.fa > aln.sam # noisy Nanopore direct RNA-seq
  ./minimap2 -ax splice:hq -uf ref.fa query.fa > aln.sam
                                                            # PacBio Kinnex/Iso-seg (RNA-seg)
  ./minimap2 -ax splice --junc-bed=anno.bed12 ref.fa query.fa > aln.sam # use annotated junction
  ./minimap2 -ax splice:sr ref.fa r1.fq r2.fq > aln.sam
                                                            # short-read RNA-seg (v2.29+)
  ./minimap2 -ax splice:sr -j anno.bed12 ref.fa r1.fq r2.fq > aln.sam
  ./minimap2 -cx asm5 asm1.fa asm2.fa > aln.paf
                                                            # intra-species asm-to-asm alignment
  ./minimap2 -x ava-pb reads.fa reads.fa > overlaps.paf
                                                            # PacBio read overlap
  ./minimap2 -x ava-ont reads.fa reads.fa > overlaps.paf
                                                            # Nanopore read overlap
  # man page for detailed command line options
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  ./minimap2 -ax lr:hq ref.fa ont-Q20.fq.qz > aln.sam
                                                            # Nanopore 020 genomic reads (v2.27+)
              ay or rof fo road1 fo road2 fo saln cam
  ./minimap2 -ax splice ref.fa rna-reads.fa > aln.sam
                                                            # spliced long reads (strand unknown)
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Step 1: Indexing Reference Genome and Transcriptome

Create minimap2 indexes for efficient mapping.

In Bash, including double quotes (" ") around variables is crucial for correct and safe handling of values, especially when they might contain spaces or special characters.

```
minimap2 -d "$MINIMAP2_INDEX_TRANSCRIPTOME" "$TRANSCRIPTOME_FA"
minimap2 -d "$MINIMAP2_INDEX_GENOME" "$GENOME_FA"
```

Each line is creating an index, one for the transcriptome and the other for the genome.

This speeds up future mapping, and it's key when using the same reference for multiple samples.

```
This FOR LOOP iterates over each of the . fastq files from the $FASTQ DIR.
for FASTQ FILE in "$FASTQ DIR"/*.fastq; do
    FILENAME=$(basename "$FASTQ FILE" .fastq)
    # Transcriptome alignment
    minimap2 -t $THREADS -a -x map-ont "$MINIMAP2 INDEX TRANSCRIPTOME" "$FASTQ FILE" | \
    samtools view -Sb > "$BAM DIR TRANSCRIPTOME/$FILENAME.bam"
    # Genome alignment
    minimap2 -t $THREADS -a -x splice "$MINIMAP2 INDEX GENOME" "$FASTQ FILE" | \
    samtools view -Sb > "$BAM DIR GENOME/$FILENAME.bam"
    # Quantification with salmon
    salmon quant --ont -p $THREADS \
        -t "$TRANSCRIPTOME FA" \
        -l U \
        -a "$BAM DIR TRANSCRIPTOME/$FILENAME.bam" \
        -o "$SALMON DIR/$FILENAME"
done
```

This FOR LOOP iterates over each of the .fastq files from the \$FASTQ\_DIR.

for FASTQ\_FILE in "\$FASTQ\_DIR"/\*.fastq; do
FILENAME=\$(basename "\$FASTQ\_FILE" .fastq)

Iterates over each file on the directory ending in `.fastq` and assigns the file name to the variable `FASTQ\_FILE`.

The "\*" is a wildcard, meaning "everything".

Then, the extension is removed, and the file name is saved to the variable `FILENAME`.

```
# Transcriptome alignment
minimap2 -t $THREADS -a -x map-ont "$MINIMAP2_INDEX_TRANSCRIPTOME" "$FASTQ_FILE" | \
    samtools view -Sb > "$BAM_DIR_TRANSCRIPTOME/$FILENAME.bam"

# Genome alignment
minimap2 -t $THREADS -a -x splice "$MINIMAP2_INDEX_GENOME" "$FASTQ_FILE" | \
    samtools view -Sb > "$BAM_DIR_GENOME/$FILENAME.bam"
```

Now we are mapping (with minimap2) to the reference transcriptome and to the reference genome.

After each mapping, we use `samtools` to compress the .SAM (Sequence Alignment/Map) to a .BAM (binary version of the Sequence Alignment/Map).

When using SALMON to quantify isoforms from long reads, a previous mapping is required (not necessary with illumina reads).

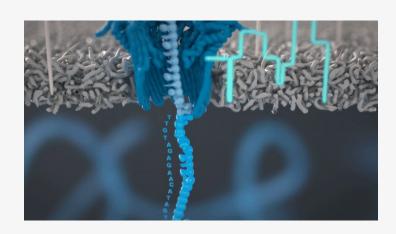
Here we quantify with salmon setting the parameters for `--ont` reads.

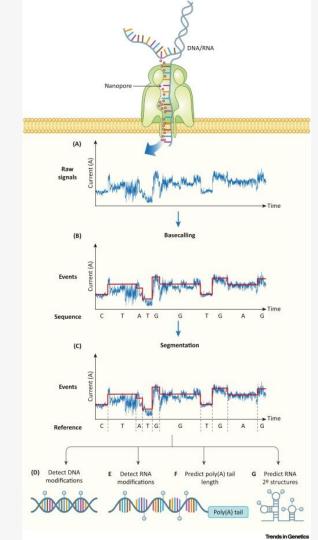
`-1 U` refers to unstranded library

```
# Quantification with salmon
salmon quant --ont -p $THREADS \
    -t "$TRANSCRIPTOME_FA" \
    -l U \
    -a "$BAM_DIR_TRANSCRIPTOME/$FILENAME.bam" \
    -o "$SALMON_DIR/$FILENAME"

done
```

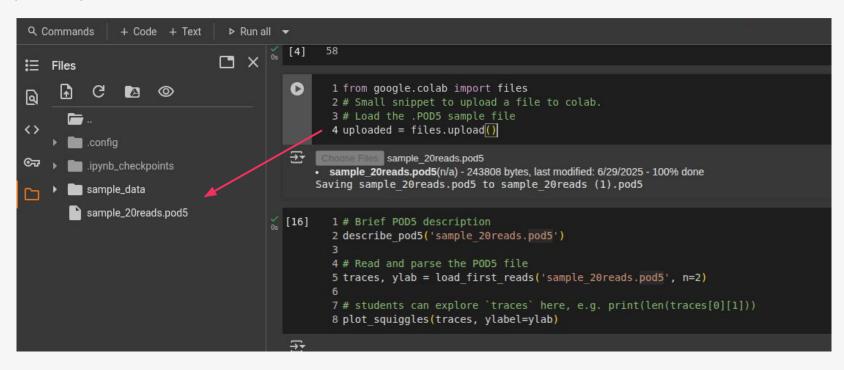
# How does Nanopores work?





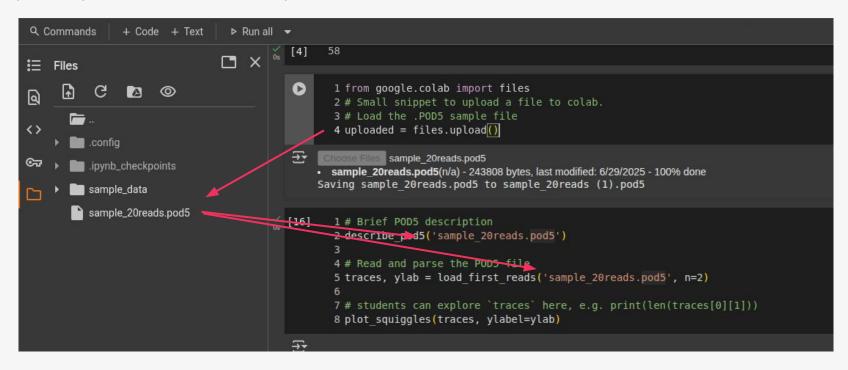
#### Comments on the code

Uploading files to work with Colab:



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Uploading files to work with Google Colab:



- Salmon is a fast, alignment-free (or quasi-alignment) tool for quantifying transcript abundances from RNA-Seq data.
- Uses k-mers and lightweight mapping to estimate expression without full alignment.
- Bias-aware: models fragment GC bias, positional bias, and sequence-specific bias to improve accuracy.
- Outputs Transcripts Per Million (TPM) per isoform.

#### **How TPM is calculated:**

Let:

**r**; = number of reads mapping to transcript **i** 

 $\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{i}}$  = length of transcript  $\mathbf{i}$ 

1. Calculate Reads per Kilobase (RPK):

$$RPK_i = rac{r_i}{l_i/1000}$$

2. Compute scaling factor (sum of RPKs):

Scaling Factor = 
$$\sum_{j} RPK_{j}$$

3. Compute TPM:

$$TPM_i = rac{RPK_i}{ ext{Scaling Factor}} imes 10^6$$



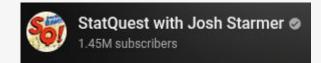
#### TPM – step 1: normalize for gene length

Original data:

Gene Name	Rep1 Counts	Rep2 Counts	Rep3 Counts
A (2kb)	10	12	30
B (4kb)	20	25	60
C (1kb)	5	8	15
D (10kb)	0	0	1

RPK – scaled by gene length:

Gene Name <	Rep1 RPK	Rep2 RPK	Rep3 RPK
A (2kb)	5	6	15
B (4kb)	5	6.25	15
C (1kb)	5	8	15
D (10kb)	0	0	0.1



#### TPM – step 2: normalize for sequencing depth

Gene Name	Rep1 RPK	Rep2 RPK	Rep3 RPK
A (2kb)	5	6	15
B (4kb)	5	6.25	15
C (1kb)	5	8	15
D (10kb)	0	0	0.1

Total RPK: 15 20.25 45.1 Tens of RPK: 1.5 2.025 4.51

TPM – scaled by gene length and sequencing depth (M):

Gene Name	Rep1 TPM	Rep2 TPM	Rep3 TPM
A (2kb)	3.33	2.96	3.326
B (4kb)	3.33	3.09	3.326
C (1kb)	3.33	3.95	3.326
D (10kb)	0	0	0.02

## **SALMON OUTPUT**

quant.sf

- colab\_quant\_files
- ▼■ SQK-PCB109\_barcode01\_chr3
  - ▶ aux\_info
    - cmd\_info.json
  - ▶ libParams
  - ▶ logs
- quant.sf
- ▶ SQK-PCB109\_barcode02\_chr3
- ▶ SQK-PCB109\_barcode03\_chr3
- ▶ SQK-PCB109\_barcode04\_chr3
- ▶ SQK-PCB109\_barcode05\_chr3

## **SALMON OUTPUT**

quant.sf

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			TPM NumR	
AT3G01040.1			0.000000	
AT3G01040_P2	2969	100.000	0.000000	0.000
AT3G01040_P3	3095	100.000	166.362735	26.000
AT3G01050_JC6	2166	100.000	10.018608	1.566
AT3G01050_JS4	2373	100.000	11.724259	1.832
AT3G01050_c4	2306	100.000	125.424167	19.602
AT3G01060.2	1671	100.000	36.284498	5.671
AT3G01060.3	1670	100.000	0.000000	0.000
AT3G01060_P1	1695	100.000	123.679670	19.329
AT3G01070_P1	1116	100.000	19.195700	3.000
AT3G01080_P2	1801	100.000	0.000000	0.000
AT3G01090.1	2049	100.000	143.421496	22.415
AT3G01090_ID20	1632	100.000	0.000000	0.000
AT3G01090_ID23	2152	100.000	42.244833	6.602
AT3G01090_s1	2255	100.000	93.806271	14.661
AT3G01100_ID2	2841	100.000	0.000000	0.000
AT3G01100_JS4	3284	100.000	0.000000	0.000
AT3G01100_JS6	2928	100.000	131.786577	20.596
AT3G01100_P1	2753	100.000	0.000000	0.000
AT3G01100_P2	3049	100.000	17.444793	2.726
AT3G01100_P3	2829	100.000	0.000000	0.000
AT3G01120_P1	2461	100.000	1275.747279	199.380

### **SALMON OUTPUT**

#### Name:

Isoform name from our transcriptome annotation.

#### Length:

Length of the gene based on the reference.

#### **EffectiveLength:**

Important in Illumina data – represents how many reads could fit along a transcript, adjusted for fragment size and biases.

#### TPM:

Transcripts per million (normalized counts)

#### **NumReads:**

How many reads Salmon estimates came from this transcript.

Name L	ength	Effectiv	eLength	TPM	NumReads	5
AT3G01040	.1	3098	100.000	0.000000	)	0.000
AT3G01040	_P2	2969	100.000	0.000000	9	0.000
AT3G01040	_P3	3095	100.000	166.3627	735	26.000
AT3G01050	_JC6	2166	100.000	10.01860	98	1.566
AT3G01050	_JS4	2373	100.000	11.72425	59	1.832
AT3G01050	_c4	2306	100.000	125.4241	167	19.602
AT3G01060	.2	1671	100.000	36.28449	98	5.671
AT3G01060	.3	1670	100.000	0.000000	)	0.000
AT3G01060	_P1	1695	100.000	123.6796	570	19.329
AT3G01070	_P1	1116	100.000	19.19570	90	3.000
AT3G01080	_P2	1801	100.000	0.000000	9	0.000
AT3G01090	.1	2049	100.000	143.4214	496	22.415
AT3G01090	_ID20	1632	100.000	0.000000	9	0.000
AT3G01090	_ID23	2152	100.000	42.24483	33	6.602
AT3G01090	_s1	2255	100.000	93.80627	71	14.661
AT3G01100	_ID2	2841	100.000	0.000000	)	0.000
AT3G01100	_JS4	3284	100.000	0.000000	)	0.000
AT3G01100	_JS6	2928	100.000	131.7865	577	20.596
AT3G01100	_P1	2753	100.000	0.000000	)	0.000
AT3G01100	_P2	3049	100.000	17.44479	93	2.726
AT3G01100	_P3	2829	100.000	0.000000	)	0.000
AT3G01120	_P1	2461	100.000	1275.747	7279	199.380

### Comments on the code

```
1 import pandas as pd
2 from io import StringIO
4 # Build a new list for TPM-only dataframes
 5 tpm tables = []
 7 for filename, filecontent in uploaded.items():
      sample name = filename.split(" ")[1].replace(".sf", "")
                                                                  # Get the name from the filename
      df = pd.read csv(StringIO(filecontent.decode()), sep='\t') # Load each table as a pandas df
      df = df.set index('Name')
10
                                                                   # Set the isoform 'Name' as index
      tpm = df[['TPM']].rename(columns={'TPM': sample name})
                                                                   # Keep only TPM column and rename it to sample name
13
      tpm tables.append(tpm)
14
15 tpm combined = pd.concat(tpm tables, axis=1)
                                                                   # Merge all dataframes (TPM)
16 tpm combined["Gene"] = tpm combined.index.str.slice(0, 9)
                                                                   # Extract gene name for later grouping
18 # Sorting the columns (just for clearer prints) :)
19 barcode order = [
       "barcode01", "barcode02", "barcode03", "barcode04", "barcode05", "barcode06",
20
      "barcode07", "barcode08", "barcode09", "barcode10", "barcode11", "barcode12"
21
22 ]
23 sorted columns = ['Gene'] + barcode order
24 tpm combined = tpm combined[sorted columns]
26 tpm combined.head()
                          # .head() command prints the first rows
```

## Arabidopsis transcriptome notation

AT3G61860.1

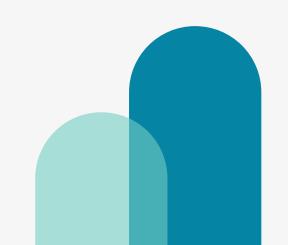
AT3G61860.1

Chromosome number - Gene number

+ isoform suffix

# SUPPA2

Isoform proportions



## SUPPA2 Workflow – 3 Key Steps

- 1. Some Generate alternative splicing events from a GTF annotation
  - ➤ suppa.py generateEvents -i annotation.gtf -o events -f ioi
- 2. **Calculate PSI (Ψ) values** from transcript-level expression (e.g., TPMs)
  - ➤ suppa.py psiPerIsoform -i transcripts.ioi -e sample1.tpm,sample2.tpm -o psi\_values.psi
- - ➤ suppa.py diffSplice -m empirical -gc
    - -i transcripts.ioi
    - --psi condition1.psi condition2.psi
    - --tpm condition1.tpm condition2.tpm
    - -o diff\_splicing

## SUPPA 2 - In a nutshell

PSI  $(\Psi)$  and delta PSI  $(\Delta\Psi)$ 

GENE	ISOFORM	TPM (cond 1)	PSI (cond 1)	TPM (cond 2)	PSI (cond 2)	Delta PSI
Gene_A	lsoform_1	10	0.1	50	0.625	+ 0.525
Gene_A	lsoform_2	70	0.7	30	0.375	- 0.325
Gene_A	lsoform_3	20	0.2	0	0	- 0.2

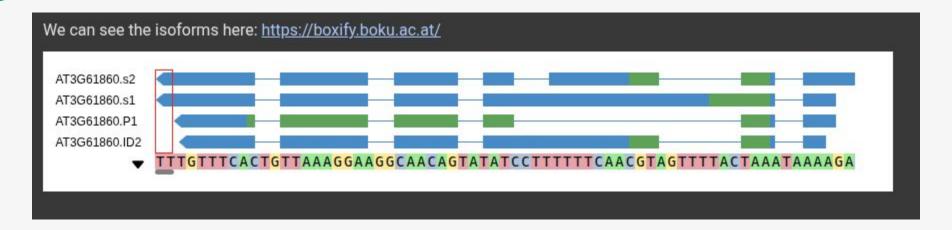
# Setting some filters

```
Creating a filter for significant values
We will set 2 thresholds:

    dpsi_cut; We will consider that variation on the psi less than 0.1 are irrelevant (or noise)

  • p-value_cut: Only keep the changes that are significant (< 0.05)
      1 # --- All the comparisons made ------
      2 contrasts = [
           "Nuc light-Nuc dark".
          "Nuc light-Cit light",
          "Nuc light-Cit dark",
          "Nuc dark-Cit light".
          "Nuc dark-Cit dark",
           "Cit light-Cit dark",
     10 dpsi cut = 0.10 # |ΔPSI| threshold
     11 p cut = 0.05 # raw p threshold (see §8 for FDR)
     15 sig = {
              df suppa[f"{c} dPSI"].abs() >= dpsi cut
               df suppa[f"{c} dPSI"].abs() < 1  # We also want to remove the</pre>
           for c in contrasts
     24 }
     27 This filter can be improved by filtering the GENES with at least one
     28 significant value change. (you can try it!)
     29 Suggestion: use .groupby() and take advantage of the multiindex
```

# Visualizing isoforms



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## Integrative Genomics Viewer - IGV

